Insurgency in Assam

1434. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the insurgency problem is increasing in Assam;

(b) if so, the concrete steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government to resolve the problem; and

(c) the reasons for not controlling the problem so far in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of answer to (a) above.

(c) The insurgency problem in Assam is under control.

Rajiv-Longowal Accord

1435. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the latest position of Rajiv-Longowal Accord;

(b) whether there is no progress; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are contemplated to settle this long overdue problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) Rajiv-Longowal Accord included 11 items, of which 8 have already been implemented. The three items which remain to be implemented are:

(i) All India Gurdwaras Act, (ii) Territorial Claims and (iii) Sharing of Rivers Waters.

(b) and (c) As regards All India Gurdwara Act, the Ministry of Law, Government of India had prepared a draft Bill in 1986 in pursuance of the Rajiv-Longowal Accord. All the State Governrnents/UTs were requested to give their views regarding the enactment of an All India Gurdwara Act. In response thereto, the State Government of Punjab sent another draft Bill in 1993. There has been no unanimity on this so far. In the meanwhile, Chief Commissioner Gurdwara Elections, Chandigarh prepared a draft Bill

in 1999 on his own initiative, which has been circulated to Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee, Amritsar, National Commission for Minorities and the concerned State Governments/UTs for their views and suggestions, which are awaited.

The Ravi-Beas Waters Tribunal is seized of the issue regarding sharing of River Waters between the States of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan. With respect to Territorial Claims between Punjab and Haryana, Government of India would like the concerned States to amicably sort out their differences over the issue and would be willing to help in the matter.

Foreign Money for NGOs in Maharashtra

1436. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of funds received from foreign countries during the last one year, till date, by religious, social and voluntary organisations in Maharashtra, month wise; and

(b) whether such organisations have so far intimated to Government about the receipt/utilisation of said funds; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) The details of foreign contribution received by voluntary associations, including religious and social ones in Maharashtra, under the provisions of Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976, have been published in the Annual Report brought out by the Ministry of Home Affairs (Foreigners Division). Copies of the Annual Report (upto 1997-98) have been placed in the Parliament Library. The Annual Report for 1998-99 is being compiled.

Easy Availability of Arms Licences/in Nagaland

1437. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the issuing of arms licences freely by Nagaland authorities bypassing the mandatory scrutiny process and that obtaining of arms licences by people in neighbouring areas of Nagaland has become easy because of free availability;